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SUBJ: TIMOR: REPORTED INDONESIAN OFFENSIVE

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1. FOLLOWING INDONESIAN REFUSAL OF REQUEST BY GROUP OF AUSTRALIAN MP'S TO MAKE A FACT-FINDING TRIP TO TIMOR, THE PROPOSED LEADER OF THE DELEGATION MICHAEL HODGMAN (WHO HOLDS A MARGINAL LIBERAL TASMANIAN SEAT IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT) HAS ALLEGED THAT INDONESIA PLANS A MAJOR OFFENSIVE TO STAMP OUT FINAL POCKETS OF FRETELIN RESISTANCE IN THE HIGHLANDS. HODGMAN CLAIMED THAT INDONESIA WILL USE AS MANY AS 15 INFANTRY BATALLIONS COMPRISING SOME 10,000 TROOPS FOR THE OPERATION.

2. OPPOSITION LEADER GOUGH WHITLAM, STILL UNDER LEFT-WING CRITICISM FOR HIS OWN TIMOR POLICY WHEN HE WAS PRIME MINISTER, HAS CLAIMED THAT THE PLANNED DEFENSIVE "REVEALED THE MORAL BANKRUPTCY" OF THE GOA'S COLLABORATION WITH INDONESIAN POLICY ON TIMOR. WHITLAM AGAIN

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CALLED ON THE GOA TO CUT BACK MILITARY AID TO INDONESIA. WHITLAM, IN HIS STRONGEST STATEMENT TO DATE, CONCLUDED THAT: "THIS NEW INVASION OF EAST TIMOR IS A DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT A 'FINAL SOLUTION' TO THE SITUATION BY A CORRUPT CLIQUE OF JAKARTA GENERALS WORRIED BY GROWING DOMESTIC UNREST AND INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION TO THE BRUTAL AND UNPROVOKED INDONESIAN INVASION OF EAST TIMOR."

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